GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:308
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2003
ROAD ACCIDENTS
RAMPAL SINGH;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of persons killed in the road accidents in the country is the highest in the World;

(b) if so, whether the Government have conducted any survey in this regard and studied the measures adopted to check accidents in foreign countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government have taken any concrete steps to prevent road accidents on national highways and other roads ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C KHANDURI)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.308 F ANSWER ON 12.3.2003 ASKED BY SHRI RAMPAL SINGH AND SHRI SHIVAJI MANE REGARDING ROAD ACCIDENTS.

(a) This Ministry does not compile accident and casualty data for other countries and hence inter-country comparison is not possible.

(b)&(c) A Working Group on Road Accidents, Injury Prevention and Control set up by Planning Commission in May, 2000 had studied this aspect and concluded that `it is difficult to make comparisons between countries because often the information is not available to allow for all the differences in traffic and travel conditions`.

(d)&(e) Yes Sir. Some of the important steps being taken by the Govt. besides highway design to check the road accidents in the country are as under:

(1) Assistance for setting up of Driving Training Schools.

(2) Provision of refresher training to drivers of heavy motor vehicles.

(3) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audio-visual-print media.

(4) Grants-in-aid to voluntary organizations for administering road safety programmes.

(5) Encouraging use of simulators in driver`s training.

(6) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individuals for outstanding work in the field of road safety.

(7) Organising All India Essay Competition on road safety for school children with a view to create awareness.

(8) Tightening of fitness norms for transport vehicles.

(9) Widening /improvement of roads. etc.